



Setting the Christmas Table

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"Well, Mary Ann Winters! If I'm not glad to see you. Come right in and take off your things, this minute. How did you happen to get away so early? I was going to phone you the next thing I did, after I'd counted the glasses, to see how many are still with us." And Mrs. Elliott drew her guest into her room to lay aside her wraps, so that the two might be all ready to plunge at once into the all absorbing topic of planning the Christmas dinner.

Mary Ann stopped in front of the mirror to fluff up her hair a bit, pointing at the reflection, and commenting on the fact that she had washed her hair two days before, and it just would not set. "That's neither here nor there. Tell me how many glasses did you find?"

"There are still six of my good ones in the china closet, and the rest I hope to find scattered over the house. Every one of us has to have a glass of water at bed time, and no one would ever think of taking other than the best to his room. But I'll run around and collect them later, though I know 'there won't be an even dozen, so we will have to make some of the old ones do'."

Mrs. Elliott and Mary Ann started arm in arm for the dining room, Mary Ann remarking that to start planning a dinner one really had to have a menu.

"Oh, I don't have to bother with that," replied Mrs. Elliott, opening her desk and finding a slip of paper. She waved it at Mary Ann.

"See this? This is Janie's contribution. She said, 'now, mother dear, there is one thing I can do, and that is to make a list of the things we need for the menu for us and order things at the market, even if I won't have time to help much with the baking and that sort of thing. She said she wanted a perfectly simple, old-fashioned dinner that wouldn't be too awfully much work to prepare, so that we would enjoy it too, and not be all worn out getting it. I told her you would be over soon, so she made us a rough outline, last night. You see, she hasn't decided yet on whether we will have oyster or grape fruit cocktails, but we will need the cocktail glasses at any rate."

"There they are hiding. I can see them on the shelf away back," cried Mary Ann. "Let's get them right down and arrange them on the table. They will have to be washed, anyway."

"Wait a minute," replied Mrs. Elliott. "In getting out the long table cloth, did you notice I have got three leaves in the table? Old dear (pattling the folded cloth), you have not been out since last Christmas, have you, when our having been away so long, and Thanksgiving at your house, Mary Ann. That was the best plum pudding you gave us. You see, Jane has planned a nice pie for 'dessert for a change. And that reminds me, I must run down to the preserve closet and see if those two jars of mince meat have kept all right. One or two things have spoiled down there, and I'm sure it is cool enough. They can't have been sealed carefully."

Mrs. Elliott's hands were busy as she went on talking, and Mary Ann exclaimed with delight, when she shook out a lovely Madeira centerpiece.

"Oh," she protested, "don't use that. You remember we had our little tree for the center of the table, and that pretty thing might get stained. Do put it away. And before you forget, what about the butter plates under the cocktail glasses, what shall we do for bread and butter?"

Mrs. Elliott laughed her jolly, infectious laugh. "Aren't we having the best time?" she said. "Just a fusing and a planning over this year's Christmas dinner. There, I'll set your mind at rest at once. Mother Elliott is coming over tomorrow, with the lend of her oyster forks, and Jane is stopping to order a dozen new tea plates on her way home this evening. So that's that."

"No, it's not," said Mary Ann, "and next comes the soup. After all, I can view the soup plates, all neatly, but firmly stacked on the middle distance of the sideboard. Now let us concern ourselves over the resting place of the dear old turkey, his very self. If it isn't good English."

"There's the platter on the plate rail. It only comes down on state occasions," smiled Mrs. Elliott, who by this time was sorting out the flat silver. "Remember, it's heavy—there. Now it's down."

Mary Ann deposited it with care on the table and announced that she was going to select jam dishes, that being a collective term, she explained, meaning pickle dish, celery and olive dish, cranberry jelly dish not to mention one really intended for jam.

Mrs. Elliott looked up from her silver. "A dozen and a half forks is all very well," she said, "for our usual family of four, but what with a salad and a pie course, I really shall have to accept the loan of your nice, new silver."

Mary Ann's eyes twinkled. "What do you think I brought my knitting bag for? To draw forth knitting from its depths? Nav, nav, dear friend. I just put those same mittens in it early this morning and put my hat on top the bag so that I surely wouldn't come away without them."

"Good. You're a nice, sweet child," replied Mrs. Elliott, kissing her, and reaching the next minute for the sherbet glasses.

"But you said pie for dessert," objected Mary Ann.

"Quite so, pie it is, and do see if there are twelve plates in that pile over there." She went on unconcernedly counting sherbet cups. "I won't keep you in suspense. Jane thinks an ice is just great with the meat course, and so it is. In spite of baked squash, sweet and Irish potatoes, and creamed beans to take one's attention. That's why these glasses."

She surveyed the table with pleasure, and then turned to the menu again. "It's just about finished," she said. "If you will get the salad plates out and count these after-dinner coffee cups, I'll start polishing the family heirloom."

Mary Ann looked up with interest, to see what this might be. "Oh, good, that lovely old silver coffee pot. Aren't you proud of it? So

and the little tree in the center will need to be trimmed. There are still napkins to look up, but that's all. So then thanks to you help, Mary Ann, we are all set for our Christmas dinner."

GERMAN CROOKS PROVE AMUSING

(International News Service Staff Correspondent.)

BERLIN, Nov. 23.—A good thriller two-reel comic with the regular old movie "hookum" of Charlie Chaplin and Doug Fairbanks makes up the recent experience of Richard Donnerhack, Germany's newest sensation in comedy, criminality and con games.

The film opens with Richard making a regulation style bow in the smart uniform of a Prussian officer decorated with the necessary iron cross and black-and-white orders. After making a tour of West Germany reciting a monologue of fictitious experiences as a prisoner of war in far-off India, which made tender-hearted Germans who had never seen India weep copious tears and open their hearts and pocket-book strings, Richard landed in Dortmund one day during a general strike.

With an air of profound secrecy he took the proprietor of Dortmund's largest hotel into his confidence and disclosed that he was a "secret agent of the German government."

Furthermore he had come to Dortmund to arrange for the immediate deportation of all males between 18 and 35 years of age, because the French were expected within a few days to occupy Ruhr.

The hotel proprietor hastened to accommodate his important guest with a good dinner and the host's best wine, but he also spread the net to arrange for the immediate deportation of the masculine sex was contemplated. In 20 minutes nearly every man in Dortmund was either packing his luggage or devising a hiding place to escape the deportation.

Within 30 minutes the military authorities had dispatched a patrol to investigate the secret agent. The patrol officer took one look at his alibi, the "government agent," and ordered him detained under arrest in his room on the fourth floor of the hotel.

The next morning the military guard posted before the hotel room, after a period of suspicious quiet, opened the door and found the prisoner had disappeared. A bedsheet tied to the bed revealed an improvised ladder. The guard rushed to the window and peering over the edge he saw that our hero was dangling on a level with the second story window from his rope of twisted knotted blankets, towels, bed sheets and dresser scarfs.

The green-clad Sicherheits-guard flashed out his bayonet and hacked at the towel across the window until it broke under the prisoner's weight. Dick landed with a thump in the court below. When he regained consciousness in the hospital he found that he had broken a leg and his right arm.

Pause while we change reels and two months pass.

Scene: The hospital. Herr Donnerhack informs the patient internment and guards at the hospital that he has had some little practice in magic. A pack of cards, please!

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CONVICT SHOCKED BY SHORT SKIRTS

Says First Thing He Noticed After 25 Years in Prison Was Women Styles.

(By International News Service.)

BOSTON, Nov. 23.—Suppose you had been locked up behind the gray, grim walls of state prison for 25 years, how would the world look to you when you entered it again? What would make the greatest impression on you?

Patriot (Corky) Hanley, known as "Silent" Hanley because he has not talked for ten years, has completed a quarter of a century at Charlestown prison and answers these questions via a pencil and pad.

The first thing that impressed him was (no, not automobiles and moving pictures) women's dresses. The second was the general refinement of the people and the third the intelligence of the young generation.

After "Corky" had written "I women's dresses," he stood up and pulled the left leg of his blue serge trousers nearly up to his knee. Then he put both legs together signifying that women's skirts are tight. Next he placed both hands on his hips. Raising his eyes as if the sights of Boston and New York had shocked him, he wrote:

"What became of the bustle?" "Corky" wrote: "When I went away there were no such short dresses, except (on) girls of ten. And the thin silk stockings you all wore 'Bare'!"

Then there was more pantomime to describe high heels and Hanley wrote four words more:

But "Corky" isn't a knocker. He has been just as much impressed by the rising generation. He wrote:

"Young people today appear much more intelligent than the young folks of 25 years ago. Their manners are good. They look clean. They've got a go-ahead look that only comes in a hurry-up world. This is a great country."

"The Bowery is not what it used to be."

"So many Jews everywhere—even in Lynn."

"Boston's North End is gone. Back in 1880 Fleet street was all Irish. There isn't any South End, either. But everything appears to be better."

Hanley characterized as "paper talk" the report that he had been on the streets for ten years. He said that while walking in the prison yard during a storm a brick from a

chimney was blown down on his head and that he suffered concussion, which left him speechless. "Well," Hanley was asked finally, "how does it feel to be out again and free?" Corky wrote: "Just like being born again."

Town Is Seeking "Silencer" To Curb Night Mule Solos

(By International News Service.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—The Missouri nightingale, famed from border to border for generations and who lately acquired new honors in service with the A. E. F. in France, has achieved higher glories. For the name of the mule has entered the domain of the law and is duly recorded in its records in no uncertain terms.

This nightingale and his "strident cacophonies" has been legally discussed by Judge Finlayson, of the California district court of appeals in the case of Boyd vs. City of Sierra Madre. The facts of the case appear that Boyd, the owner of several long-eared beauties, has been asked to either muffle or rid the city of them. Says Judge Finlayson:

"We know of no heaven-sent Maxim to invent a silencer for this brute, that one beholding him, neck outstretched and jaws distended wide, could persuade himself that he but heard from the depths of the beast's crimson-coated cavern:

"... a sound so fine there's nothing lives."

"Twixt it and silence."

Judge Finlayson fears that until the arrival of the "whispering burro" or until "man invents some harmless but efficient mule muffer we shall oft in the dead and vast middle of the night even in such corals as appellants kept in a cleanly, wholesome and sanitary manner" hear the loud discordant bray of this sociable but shrill-toned friend of man filling the air with barbarous dissonance and drowning even that about that tore hell's concave and beyond.

Frightened the reign of chaos and old night."

MEXICO ADDS FOUR SHIPS TO HER NAVY

(By International News Service.)

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, Nov. 23.—Commodore Jose de la Llave, of the Mexican navy, has arranged for the bringing to Mexico of four ships bought at San Francisco by the Mexican government.

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